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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Homayoun Sanatgar et al.

Application No.: 10/601,110

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Art Unit: 3632

For: METAL TUBE SUPPORT BRACKET AND
METHOD FOR SUPPORTING A METAL
TUBE

Examiner: A. M. King

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

CLAIM FEE CALCULATION

Any additional claim fee required has been calculated as follows:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total | | -20* = | 0 | x \$52.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent | | -3** = | 0 | x \$220.00 | 0.00 |
| First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) | | | | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$0.00 |

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

No additional claim fee is required.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

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